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PRESENT:

MR. JAMES ALCOCK, MR. RICHARD BURNES,  
MR. NUMA BERTEL, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

MEMBERS OF THE ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY

MISS GOLDIE MOORE

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Reported by:  
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Secretary  
Orleans Parish Grand Jury

MISS GOLDIE MOORE, after being duly sworn by the Foreman of the Orleans Parish Grand Jury, was questioned and answered as follows:

MR. ALCOCK:

Q. For the record, let me get your full name?

A. Goldie Naomi Moore.

Q. Miss or Mrs.

A. Miss.

Q. Miss Moore, before asking you questions, I have to inform you, being legal adviser to the Grand Jury, that you have a right to refuse to answer questions that you feel indriminate you, or tend to incriminate you. Do you understand that?

A. Yes.

Q. By the way, are you represented by a lawyer?

A. Yes, I am.

Q. What is his name?

A. Harry Koch

Q. Is he in the hall now?

A. Yes.

Q. And has he advised you generally of your Constitutional rights?

A. Yes.

Q. I must also inform you that you have taken an oath to tell the truth and should you lie to the Grand Jury

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you will be subject to the charge of perjury, you understand that?

A. Yes.

Q. You were Mr. Clay Shaw's secretary?

A. Yes, I was.

Q. Could you tell the members of the Jury what date you were his secretary?

A. 6th of  
From/February, 1946 to October 1, 1965.

Q. Were you his only secretary during that time period?

A. There was a Miss Mary (inaudible) also his secretary.

Q. When was she there?

A. She was there from 1946, I believe, to about 1949.

She did some of his work, he hired a public relations man and I helped the public relations man.

Q. Was that Mr. Core?

A. No, John Leonard.

Q. Now, going back to September of 1963, can you recall ... first of all, where was your office in relation to Mr. Shaw's in September of 1963?

A. Directly outside his.

Q. Were there any other secretaries or personnel in that general office area with you?

A. Yes, Mrs. Darlin Mercodol who handled the phones and general clerical work; a Mrs. Josephine Hug, who was Mr. Jesse Cort's secretary.

Q. In other words, you could see these other ladies and they could see you, is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Could these other ladies also see the entrance to Mr. Shaw's office?

A. Yes.

Q. I take it he had a private office with a door which would prevent you from seeing in when shut?

A. That is correct.

Q. Now, going back to September of 1963, do you know what kind of car Mr. Shaw drove at that time?

A. I think it was a Ford.

Q. Do you recall the color?

A. I think it was black.

Q. Could it have been a Thunderbird?

A. Yes.

Q. / Do You know of any car that might have been registered to the Trade Mart other than Mr. Shaw's car if his car was registered to the Trade Mart?

A. To my knowledge there was no other car registered to

the Trade Mart.

Q. Did you ever see Mr. Shaw driving a car other than his black Thunderbird?

A. I don't know - it was in 1963 - he had driven a stationwagon.

Q. A stationwagon - who would that belong to?

A. His father, I think.

Q. What color was the stationwagon?

A. (Inaudible)

Q. Do you ever recall seeing him drive a large black Cadillac?

A. No.

Q. Do you ever recall anybody at the Trade Mart, that might have been closely associated with Mr. Shaw, driving a black Cadillac, about that time, September, 1963?

A. No.

Q. You don't recall?

A. No.

Q. You have been in Mr. Shaw's apartment?

A. No, I have never been in Mr. Shaw's apartment.

Q. Didn't you tell me, when I interviewed you at the Trade Mart, that you had been there on one occasion?

A. No, I never told you that.

Q. You never told me that?

A. That's right, never. I told you I had never been in

his apartment.

Q. Now, you know where his apartment was?

A. In '63?

Q. Yes.

A. I am not sure, I think it was 1313 Dauphine, he has had a number of apartments during the time I worked for him.

Q. Did you handle his correspondence generally in 1963?

A. Yes.

Q. Then you think it was probably 1313 Dauphine?

A. I think so.

Q. You know Mr. Farmer Duvalle?

A. I knew of him, and I may have met him on one occasion.

Q. Do you recall what he looked like at the time?

A. It has been quite a while.

Q. I understand.

A. I think he was tall, ....

Q. Tall and thin?

A. Yes.

Q. What color was his hair?

A. Brown.

Q. Do you recall whether or not at any time during that period this gentleman, Farmer Devalle, was staying with Mr. Shaw?

A. Well, I don't know during that period of time, but sometime he stayed at Mr. Shaw's house.

Q. Do you know what kind of car he had?

A. No.

Q. Do you know whether or not Mr. Shaw, or did Mr. Shaw at any time express any interest to you relative to integration and segregation?

A. Not particularly.

Q. Do you recall any reference?

A. Well, I think he was very tolerant.

Q. In other words, he would lean more to integration rather than to segregation, is that what you mean by tolerant?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know if he participated in any activities along those lines?

A. Not to my knowledge.

Q. Did you ever hear him speak of his activities along those lines either directly or indirectly?

A. No.

Q. At this time, 1963, where was Mr. Shaw's parents living?

A. Hammond, La.

Q. Now, have you spoken to Mr. Shaw recently?

A. Yes.



Q. And have you spoken to his attorneys recently?

A. Yes.

Q. About his case?

A. They said they would like to consult with me.

Q. Did they consult with you?

A. Yes.

Q. About the case?

A. Er ....

Q. That was probably the sole subject of conversation?

Between yourself and - who was it, Mr. Dymond?

A. No, Mr. Wegman.

Q. Which one, Edward?

A. Mr. Edward Wegman.

Q. How recently was that?

A. Yesterday.

Q. Yesterday - did he know, to your knowledge, that you had received a subpoena to come before the Grand Jury?

A. Yes.

Q. And this was the reason for his contacting you? That you could determine from the conversation?

A. I contacted him.

Q. Oh, you contacted him. He didn't tell you what to say, did he?

A. No, he did not.

Q. Have you contacted them any time prior to that?

A. No.

Q. Has anyone from Southern Research contacted you about the case, which is a private detective agency?

A. Yes.

Q. How recently was that?

A. About the time you talked to me.

Q. You don't remember before or after, do you?

A. After I talked to you.

Q. Did you tell them what you told me?

A. Their questions were such as you asked me.

Q. I would like you to tell the gentlemen of the Jury, going back to 1963, some of the names of the persons you would consider close friends of Mr. Shaw? Other than

A. the Mayor and people like that ....

A. They are Mrs. Edgar Stern, Mrs. Miriam Frances Bultman, Mrs. Parkerson Keyes, Mrs. Elana Lyons, ....

Q. He had no male friends at all? That you knew of?

A. ....

Q. None that you know of, and you have been his secretary since 1946?

A. Well, he was friendly with many members of the Board of

Directors - and Mr. Chapman Hyams, the late Mr. Hyams, - he attended social activities - I felt that most of the Members of the Board of Directors ....

Q. Anyone else outside of the Trade Mart that you knew were personal friends of Mr. Shaw?

A. No.

Q. You did not know of any?

A. No. Mr. Lloyd Cobb - he was our President during - part of that time. He succeeded Mr. Zetzman.

FOREMAN:

Mr. Cobb was President in '63.

MR. ALCOCK:

About November of 1963 I think Mr. Shaw made a trip out of town for a speaking engagement in Oregon, is that correct?

A. Portland, Oregon, yes.

Q. Do you know what day he left for this speaking date?

A. He was due to speak in San Francisco at the World's Fair on the 22nd of November, I think he left around ..... well, he went by train, so I guess it was about 3 or 4 days, takes about that length of time to go by train.

Q. Prior to that, say the month of October, was Mr. Shaw out of town on any speaking engagements?

A. In October? I don't recall.

Q. Prior to the November engagement on the West Coast?

A. Not to my knowledge.

Q. Did you handle most of the correspondence setting up speaking engagements for him? And accepting them?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you accept the one out in Oregon? For him?

A. If I recall correctly, Mr. Shaw wrote them directly.

Q. I see. Do you recall when this particular speaking engagement was first called to his attention?

A. I think it was the early part of September.

Q. What makes you think that?

A. Because of the correspondence.

Q. Can you approximate, you said the early part, was it before the 5th of September?

A. Around the 4th of September.

Q. Do you recall when he sent his letter of acceptance?

A. Around Sept. 20th, I am not sure.

Q. Does Mr. Shaw usually travel by train?

A. Yes.

Q. To your knowledge, has he ever traveled anywhere by plane?

A. Only when it was necessary, he does not like planes.

He did when he went on missions of the Trade Mart, to Europe, Latin America.

Q. Do you recall when he returned from Oregon?

A. It was 7 weeks, because he was going to have a vacation.

Q. In other words, 7 weeks after the 22nd of November?

A. No, I think that was included in the dates.

Q. I see. Do you recall when he returned?

A. No, not exactly.

Q. Well, was it a week after the 22nd?

A. A week to ten days.

Q. You know where he went in the interim?

A. He went to Chicago.

Q. On a speaking engagement?

A. No, he went on his vacation.

Q. Do you seem to recall that he went directly from the West Coast to Chicago or do you know whether or not he made any stopovers in any other cities?

A. No, I don't know of any stopovers.

Q. He went to Chicago as far as you know? Directly?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know who he contacted there or people he was staying with?

A. I don't recall.

- Q. You don't recall any names? Do you have any records that would reflect their names?
- A. I don't believe so, I can look.
- Q. And you think it was a week or ten days after the assassination of the President that he returned to New Orleans?
- A. Well, say two weeks at the longest, he had two weeks vacation.
- Q. You know how he got to Chicago? By plane, train?
- A. I would say by train.
- Q. Do you know a man by the name of Morris Brownlee? Do you recognize the name at all?
- A. No.
- Q. I would like you to take a look at these pictures and see if you recognize these individuals, and if so, how you recognize them, and in what way?
- A. This is Mr. Dave Ferrie. I've seen him since the investigation started.
- Q. Had you ever seen him prior to the investigation? That you can recall?
- A. I never have. .... This is Dean Andrews, I know/through <sup>him</sup> the investigation.
- Q. Did you know Dean Andrews anytime prior to the investigation?
- A. No.

Q. Did you ever see Dean Andrews in Mr. Shaw's office at any time?

A. No, never.

Q. How about Mr. Gordon Novel? Do you know him?

A. He was in our office occasionally.

Q. Do you know in reference to what?

A. It either was employment or a wishing to make a contract for the restaurant facilities for the Trade Mart.

Q. What year was that, do you recall?

A. I believe 1961.

Q. Were the negotiations carried on directly with Mr. Shaw on the concession?

A. Yes, to my knowledge, it was just Novel - he left a brochure and I had to check it -

Q. Was Mr. Novel with anyone at the time he came?

A. Not to my knowledge, most of the time he was alone.

Q. Did he actually go into Mr. Shaw's office?

A. Yes.

Q. And you have no record of that anymore? No one makes notations as to appointments kept?

A. They would not necessarily have been appointments.

Q. When you go to a receptionist don't you usually give your name and the name is forwarded to Mr. Shaw.

A. The receptionist would announce it over the telephone

or go into Mr. Shaw.

Q. Was everyone who came in to see Mr. Shaw announced that way?

A. Yes.

Q. You have no knowledge of him (showing picture)

A. No, I don't know him.

..... This looks like that Mr. Smith who has been in the paper.

Q. Mr. Archaca Smith?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you seen Mr. Smith in your office at any time?

A. No.

..... I don't know any of these unless its Novel.....

This reminds me of someone, I am not sure .....

Q. Reminds you of someone you have seen in Mr. Shaw's office?

A. Only they wore dark glasses ....

Q. If they wore dark glasses they would look like somebody you know?

A. Yes.

Q. In what connection, you know them from where?

A. Someone who only came in to see Mr. Shaw. Or would be around in the Trade Mart, I saw so many people that way.



This looks like that Martens ..... in the paper .... 15.

Q. Did you ever see Mr. Martens in Mr. Shaw's office? Layton Martens?

A. No, not that I remember. .... Mr. Smith again ....

Q. Did you ever see him in Mr. Shaw's office?

A. No.

Q. Did you ever see him around the Trade Mart?

A. No.

Q. You never saw him around the Trade Mart?

A. No, not that I remember.

Q. What about that person, did you ever see him in the office?

A. I think I have seen him, but I would not know his name.

Q. That is Gordon Novel.

A. He looks different. .... If that is Novel, he looks very different.

Q. This picture was taken outside the Trade Mart in the summer of 1953. Recognize any of them?

A. No, they are too blurred.

Q. You don't recognize him?

A. No.

Q. How about this man, do you recognize him?

A. He looks like a man I saw in the paper.

Q. That's Perry Russo.

- Q. You said you recognized a man here if he had on dark glasses, that he would be similar to a man you had seen at the Trade Mart. Where do you feel you might have seen him?
- A. I have seen him walking in the Trade Mart and if it is the one that I think it may be , with dark glasses, he would come in sometimes to see Mr. Shaw.
- Q. Do you recall an individual who came in with dark glasses on several occasions with an attache case, well dressed, and who went into Mr. Shaw's office without being announced ?
- A. You mean just walk in the door?
- Q. Do you recall anyone like that?
- A. No. Mr. Shaw might just see someone and say come in.
- Q. Do you recall Mr. Shaw ever saying that to this man?
- A. No, I don't.
- Q. You say to the best of your recollection you don't recall Mr. Shaw being out of the City in October of 1963, how about September of 1963?
- A. September is when they negotiated.
- Q. I am addressing your attention, to the best of your knowledge, to September of 1963 - do you recall Mr.

Shaw being out of town in September of 1963?

A. No, I do not.

Q. You feel that you would be aware of the fact that he was speaking out of town in conjunction with Trade Mart activities in September of 1963, you feel that you would recall that if he was?

A. I assume I would, yes.

Q. And the same would hold for October, is that correct?

A. I would suppose so.

Q. You do recall his going about 4 or 5 days prior to the West Coast engagement by train?

A. It would be necessary if he went by train.

MR. BURNES:

Q. Miss Moore, do you have any knowledge of any business transactions between Clay Shaw, Gordon Novel and Mr. Ricobono in which Dean Andrews handled the legal matters regarding the concessions in the Trade Mart?

A. Well, that is the brochure I referred to and the meeting with Mr. Shaw.

Q. Who prepared this brochure?

A. I don't know.

Q. Do you know if Dean Andrews met with Mr. Shaw in connection with this?

A. Not to my knowledge.

Q. Well, who met with him, other than Gordon Novel?

A. He is the only one I recall meeting with Mr. Shaw.

Q. I want to read to you a description of a person, kind of a Cuban, aometime around 1962 or 1961, a person possibly going into Mr. Shaw's office: a gentleman who was very nervous, always carrying a brief case, his head was shaved, in other words, his hair was very close like a person who had to be shaved because he had a scar or something, all the hair taken off, he would go in and close the door, he was in his early 30's, wearing ivy league clothes - do you know what I mean by ivy league clothes?

A. Yes ...

Q. .... close fitting clothes, possibly at that time buckle on the back of the pants, that type thing, no shoulder pads perhaps in a suit at that time - he was a chain smoker, who never had to be announced although most people were generally announced, someone who would just go into Mr. Shaw's office, fitting that type description and he went in several times. Now, can you think of a person who would fit that description? Anyone fitting that description that went in during the time

you were there?

A. I don't recall ivy league clothes - the closest I can come to anyone fitting the description would be the picture I pointed out - if I could see the man, in person, with dark glasses, I would know who I was talking about.

Q. Was that the picture of Morris Brownlee, or the picture of .....

A. This man carried a brief case but he didn't wear ivy league clothes. And I don't think it was way back in '61.

Q. How far back was it?

A. About 1963, 1964 or 1965.

Q. Did you know, of your own knowledge, that the man you pointed out lived in an apartment next to Clay Shaw about that time?

A. I had no idea.

Q. Now, a picture of Mr. Llewellyn - he has a good bit of hair on his head, is that correct? The picture you pointed out is not a bald-headed man, is that correct?

A. That is right. His hair is receding.

Q. Receding, but he is not shaved, whereas this picture over here is either bald or partly shaved, is that right?

A. He was shaved.

Q. Now did you see anyone whose hair was close like that?

A. A crew cut, I guess you would call it, the man I had reference to.

Q. And did he carry an attache case?

A. Yes.

Q. Come in about a dozen times?

A. During the course of several years?

Q. Over a month or two, 3 or 4 months, come in about a dozen times?

A. I wouldn't say that.

Q. About 10 times?

A. Probably 5 or 6.

Q. Why would you have occasion, after 4 years, to remember a man who only came in only 5 or 6 times? Is there anything unusual that caused you to remember him ?

A. I used to see him in the Trade Mart.

Q. Where would you see him in the Trade Mart?

A. Walking on the concourse, walking in the street, passing the Trade Mart.

Q. You would see him passing the Trade Mart?

For that reason it stuck in your mind all this time.

A. Yes.

Q. Now, did you say this man did not have to be announced, is that correct?

A. No, I didn't say that.

Q. Will you tell me whether he had to be announced.

A. I would say he was usually announced.

Q. Now, if you had occasion to remember his name, if you had occasion to remember the person from seeing him would the name also have stuck in your mind? In other words if this person is unusual enough for you to remember in 4 or 5 years, would he be unusual enough for you to remember his name?

A. I suppose so, but I don't recall his name.

Q. Yet you remembered the person?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you know his name at the time you were seeing him on the street?

A. I think I would think of him in terms that I had seen him in the Trade Mart.

Q. Was he always announced or just sometimes announced?

A. I think he was .... I don't know.

- Q. Did he look like an oddball, something unusual about him?
- A. No. I wouldn't say he was an oddball.
- Q. Did you ever discuss this person with the other ladies who were present?
- A. No.
- Q. Were Mrs. Hug and Darlin Mercodol .....
- A. Yes, they worked there.
- Q. Did you ever discuss this person with either of those ladies?
- A. No.
- Q. I don't know if I understood you to say that he was announced each time or that he was announced some of the times? Would you try to clarify that for me?
- A. To my knowledge he would be announced each time.
- Q. In other words, is he somebody who could just walk in without being announced, just like you or I could just walk in? Without having to be announced.
- A. Like I said, there were times when Mr. Shaw's door was open and if he recognized someone he would ask them to come in, but I can't recall among the many, many visitors who came in just which ones . . . .
- Q. From the description I just read, of the person of the nervous type wearing dark glasses, - you know of no



one who would fit that description?

A. That is right.

Q. And you had no discussion with anybody, Mrs. Josephine Hug or anybody, at that time about that person?

A. No.

MR. ALCOCK:

The speaking engagement on the West Coast, you say negotiation began around September 4th, is that correct?

A. That is correct.

Q. Would the Trade Mart have the correspondence from those people? About that time?

A. That is correct. Somebody from the District Attorney's office viewed it.

Q. Would the Mart also have a copy of the letter of acceptance on behalf of Mr. Shaw?

A. Yes.

Q. Did he sign the letter or did you sign his letters?

A. He signed the majority of times.

Q. Have you had occasion to look this letter up since this investigation began?

A. Yes.

Q. For what reason?

A. Pardon?

Q. For what reason?

A. May I see my lawyer?

A. Certainly, if it is agreeable to the Foreman?

FOREMAN:

Certainly.

(Exit Miss Moore)

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( Re-enter Miss Moore)

MR. BURNES:

Miss Moore, I would like to read you Art. 434 of the

Criminal Procedure, which reads as follows:

"Members of the Grand Jury and all persons present at a Grand Jury meeting and all persons having confidential access to information concerning Grand Jury proceedings shall keep secret the testimony of the witnesses and all of the matters occurring at or directly connected with a meeting of the Grand Jury. However, after the indictment such persons may reveal statutory irregularities of the Grand Jury proceedings to defense counsel, the District Attorney or to the Court and may testify concerning them. Such persons may disclose testimony given before the Grand Jury at any time

when permitted by the court to show that a witness committed perjury in his testimony before the Grand Jury, a witness may discuss his testimony given before the Grand Jury with counsel for a person under investigation or indicted with the District Attorney or the court. A person who violates the provisions of this article shall be guilty of contempt of court".

This means that if secrecy is violated and you are not in a group which permits you to break the secrecy, that is to tell what we told to you or what you told to the Grand Jury that means at any time unless it comes under one of the exceptions, it can be contempt. Now, the only way that a person can bring himself out of this without going into the statutory irregularities in the court, would be if that person himself were under investigation. That person's conduct himself, or if they are indicted. Thus, if you were under investigation for some crime you could reveal what we ask of you in the Grand Jury to your counsel. If you are not under investigation for some crime you cannot do it, if you are indicted you can do it, if you are not indicted you cannot do it. And the penalty for contempt of court is a matter in which we go before a Judge. So I want to admonish you that while you may seek advice from your counsel on legal matters, you are still under the provisions of this statute, and cannot break the secrecy of matters which occur in

here or which you learned in here, that you were asked in here, or that you testified in here. You understand this?

A. Yes sir.

Q. And that would mean that you couldn't even tell someone what we questioned you about, not even a lawyer. You could not tell your lawyer unless you personally<sup>were</sup>/under investigation or unless you personally were indicted. Now this does not mean that we will not permit your asking legal questions, but in doing that you are restricted not to tell what we are asking you, do you understand that?

A. How do you ask his advice then, unless you tell him what you have been asked?

Q. Miss Moore, that is a problem you will have to solve. But I am doing this for your own benefit so that you will know.

FOREMAN:

We are not going to let you go out again anyway, we just can't and there is no reason for it. If we let you go out and you tell him then we have to charge you with perjury, and we don't want to do that. We know you weren't informed when you went out last time and that is why we are informing you at this time. Because we can't allow you to do it again. We don't want to get you in trouble and it would get you in trouble.

Q. MR. BURNES:

If you have a strictly legal question that you want to ask - that won't require you to reveal what is going on in here - and you need to discuss that point only, then you might ask permission to do it, otherwise we have to advise you that to reveal to him would be perjury. You understand?

A. Yes.

Q. Now, as Mr. Alcock advised you earlier, you do not have to answer any question that would tend to incriminate you and that false testimony could result in perjury charges, if proved to be false. But the last thing is that witnesses must answer the questions posed by the Grand Jury, if you are asked something and it is not privileged information, that if it is not incriminating, you have the obligation to answer the question because if you refuse to do so, the Judge downstairs will rule on whether or not you have to answer the question, and if you fail to answer it constitutes contempt of court. Now do you understand the obligation to answer questions?

A. Yes.

Q. And if you are asked a question and you state 'I don't know' when you know, that is false. In other words, you must not say 'I don't know' when you do, and the second

thing is you may not state something to be true, whether its true or not, unless you know it to be true. If I ask you what color your car is, what color my car is, and you say white, but you didn't know it even though it is white, it would be false for you to state it is white when you merely believe it but didn't know it to be true, just gave a guess. Do you understand?

A. Yes. Suppose I don't recall should I say .....

Q. You should say, 'I do not recall, but I believe.'

MR. ALCOCK:

Miss Moore, do you have at this time any strictly legal questions that you want to talk to your attorney about without revealing any testimony in here?

A. No.

Q. Now you recall that before you left the room I asked the question, why you looked up this particular correspondence and you, then you asked to see your attorney.

A. I looked it up because Mr. Shaw came to review our files, our Trade Mart files, and I was instructed that I could show the files to anyone, but could not take them out. That is why I had occasion to look at them. Your office looked at them.

Q. In other words, your answer is that you looked up that file because a District Attorney was up there looking through the files generally?

A. He looked through the files shortly after you had interrogated me formally. Also, Mr. Shaw had looked through the files.

Q. Mr. Shaw and Mr. Shaw's attorney also looked through the files?

A. Mr. Shaw alone.

Q. You also have letters and correspondence relative to other speaking engagements of Mr. Shaw?

A. q Yes.

Q. And that is a Trade Mart file, not Mr. Shaw's personal file?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you handle any personal correspondence for Mr. Shaw?

A. Yes, acceptance of invitations, I mailed his checks and his bills, he made them out but I mailed the checks.

Q. Did you ever make out a check payable to David W. Ferrie?

A. No, not to my knowledge. I don't recall any.

Q. How about Morris Brownlee?

A. I don't recall his name either.

Q. Jack Ruby?

A. No. I did not say I mailed every check.

Q. What proportion would you say you mailed?

A. I would say the majority.

Q. And you feel that since you did handle his personal correspondence and correspondence in connection with the Trade Mart that in September of 1963 he was not out of town, is that correct?

A. To my knowledge, yes.

Q. And also October of 1963?

A. I don't believe he was.

Q. And he did leave some 4 or 5 days prior to his speaking engagement on the West Coast in November, is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. That was the beginning of his vacation that year?

A. He was going to make this address .... I really don't recall whether he was including it in his vacation, I have reason to believe that it was not necessary that he do this.

Q. Had he taken a vacation in '63 yet?

A. No, he only took one vacation a year.

Q. But from January 1, 1963 through the end of October, 1963 he took no vacation at all, is that what you are testifying?

A. To my knowledge.

Q. Now you were his secretary for 19 years?



A. Yes.

Q. And the only friends you can remember are the Trade Mart Board, and those lady friends you gave us, and people like that?

A. That is right, and the late Theodore Brant was a friend of his, he was our <sup>first</sup> President.

Q. Now, let's go outside the context of the Trade Mart - in writing his personal checks, did you see one name appear more often than the others?

A. No, they were mainly to business establishments.

Q. You mentioned he went to Chicago after his trip to the West Coast, are you testifying now that you do not know the names of the persons he visited in Chicago?

A. I don't recall.

Q. Did you feel that you did know them at the time?

A. I am sure he mentioned them to me some time or other, I don't think I ever met them.

Q. Were they male or female?

A. A man and his wife.

Q. Did you ever mail any correspondence to them from Mr. Shaw? That you can recall?

A. He may have written to them on one or two occasions. He may have telephoned them.

Q. Now you said that Farmer Devalle at one time resided as

a guest of Mr. Shaw's in his house, is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you remember any other guests in Mr. Shaw's house?

A. A Mr. Bidderson.

Q. Mr. Jeff Bidderson?

A. That's right.

Q. Then that would be a friend of his outside the context of the Trade Mart, wouldn't it?

A. Yes.

Q. Who else?

A. Some one by the name of Robert Mortin, I believe.

Q. When was that? If you can recall?

A. I would say around '63 to '65.

Q. You know what kind of car he drove?

A. No.

Q. Do you know where he was from?

A. Shreveport, I believe, I don't know for sure.

Q. Was he connected with the Trade Mart in any way?

A. No.

Q. Do you know his business, what he did for a living?

A. I think he was in insurance.

Q. Life insurance, or what kind of insurance - or can you recall?

A. I think it was life.

- Q. Do you remember what firm he represents?
- A. I am not exactly sure of his last name, I remember it was Robert.
- Q. Can you describe him for us?
- A. He is tall and thin, fair complexion, and sandy-brown hair.
- Q. Now all of these pictures that have been shown to you, the only person that you feel that you have seen at any time is the one that you said if he had dark glasses on he could possibly be the person you saw in the Trade Mart, is that correct?
- A. Yes, but when you pointed out about the hair, it makes me very doubtful.
- Q. I see. You didn't see any of the other persons at any time go into Mr. Shaw's apartment? Not apartment, office?
- A. Not that I recall. There are many, many people who went into Mr. Shaw's office.
- Q. I understand that.
- A. And if I looked up from my desk every time some one came in to see Mr. Shaw, I would not have gotten my work done.

FOREMAN:

One thing, Miss Moore, some people have toldus that they have talked with you about people going in the office, Mr. Shaw's office, and discussed these things with you,

and you have talked about them with them, .....

MR. ALCOCK:

Q. Specifically, Mrs. Hug. Do you ever recall discussing with her and Miss Mercodol this person who came in wearing dark glasses? Came into Mr. Shaw's office?

A. If anything, I may have said 'who is that?', not to discuss it other than that.

Q. You being his personal secretary, you feel that you did not know the name of the person, is that correct?  
though  
Even/you were his personal secretary. You did not announce the persons coming in?

A. No, unless I was the only one in the office. Sometimes the other two ladies were not there.

Q. They would have to go directly in front of your desk to get in his office?

A. No, they would pass the . . . my desk was back - and they would pass it, I mean - they would use the door right here.

MR. BURNES:

You stated earlier that you believe Mr. Shaw had a black Ford, is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Was that a black Thunderbird automobile? A Ford.

A. Yes, to my knowledge.

Q. Do you recall a time when he was out of the State and out of the country, and the police contacted the Trade Mart about recovering the automobile from a subject?

A. There was an occasion when they called, .....

Q. They didn't know how to get in touch with Mr. Shaw and they contacted you, is that right?

A. Yes, that's right.

Q. And did you tell them how to get in touch with him? He was in Mexico at the time, if that will refresh your memory.

A. In Mexico?

Q. I think that is where he was. Well, you tell us what you do remember about the circumstances, anything that you can remember?

A. As well as I recall, he was in town, and they were trying to locate him - I think the car had been stolen - .....

Q. And what else? What else do you remember about it?

A. They asked me where they could probably get in touch with him - he may have been out of town .....

Q. Did you help them get in touch with him?

A. Yes.

Q. Well, tell us about it, just tell me what happened?

- A. Well, I don't recall whether he was in town or out of town, so naturally if they asked me where he lived, or if I could find him in the course of the evening - I may have called several places where maybe he had an appointment that I knew of at the time - to track him down.
- Q. And what else?
- A. If he was out of town then I would have told him he was out of town.
- Q. Do you remember anything else about this incident?
- A. No.
- Q. Now you stated the vehicle was stolen.
- A. I said I believed it was stolen.
- Q. Right. I stated that it was recovered, and you stated that it was stolen. Now, do you know what Mr. Shaw replied when he was asked if it was stolen?
- A. No.
- Q. Well, do you know a guy Earl Daniels, or Charles Daniels?
- A. No.
- Q. Do you know when Mr. Shaw sold the automobile? Was it after this time?
- A. I don't know.
- Q. Do you remember ever seeing Mr. Shaw in the automobile at

any time after you had been contacted by the police about it being recovered?

A. I would assume I must have been him at some time, around the Trade Mart .... somewhere ...

Q. Did you see the automobile any time after that around the Trade Mart?

A. Yes, if he still owned it he would park it in the garage.

Q. I believe you said you don't know when he did get rid of it?

A. I don't remember the date. I could probably look up information in the files.

Q. Now while ago when Mr. Alcock asked you whether or not you sent any checks to Mr. Ruby, at that time you stated that you did not send all of the checks out. Did the name Jack Ruby mean anything to you?

A. No.

Q. How about the name Jack Rubenstein?

A. No. I know the name Rubenstein, but its in New Orleans.

Q. Did you know of any connections or acquaintances Mr. Shaw had in the City of Dallas with night club owners?

A. No.

Q. To your knowledge has Mr. Shaw ever spoken at the Trade Mart in Dallas?

A. I think on one or two occasions.

Q. To your knowledge did the Trade Mart at any time, the Trade Mart in Dallas, ask Mr. Shaw to be present when President Kennedy was supposed to have been at the Trade Mart on Nov. 22, 1963?

A. Would you repeat the question please?

Q. To your knowledge did you ever receive any correspondence or phone calls from Dallas for Mr. Shaw to be present in Dallas at the time President Kennedy would speak at the Trade Mart on November 22, 1963?

A. I don't recall.

Q. You don't recall that.

A. No. I don't recall anything coming at that time.

Q. However, you do feel that you have received correspondence from the Trade Mart in Dallas at one time?

A. No, I didn't say that, you didn't say correspondence, you said call.

Q. Well, call.

A. I imagine so because many of the Trade Marts throughout the country always call on Mr. Shaw or write him to with reference/how we established our . . . . .

Q. Do you know of any acquaintances Mr. Shaw would have in the City of Dallas?

A. No.

Q. How about the City of Houston?



A. No, I don't.

Q. And Shreveport?

A. This Mr. Robert, I think his last name is Mortin.  
Whether he lived in Shreveport prior to the time he  
came to see Mr. Shaw <sup>or</sup> ~~and~~ moved there afterwards, I  
don't know.

Q. Do you know Bill Dalzell?

A. I don't know him.

Q. Mr. Shaw wasn't in Mexico at any time in 1963 that  
you know of, was he?

A. I don't believe he was.

Q. Did you know a colored male by the name of Daniels  
who did some painting for Mr. Shaw and used Mr. Shaw's  
car?

A. The only colored male I knew was the name of Burkendal  
(phonetically spelled), who worked for Mr. Shaw. A  
contractor.

JUROR:

What was his first name?

A. We just called him Burkendal.

Q. As personal secretary to Mr. Shaw, didn't telephone calls  
to Mr. Shaw come to you first?

A. No. He answered the phone.

Q. You mean when calls came through he answered the phone?

A. Whoever answered the phone and there was a call for Mr. Shaw, the years and years that we worked there Mr. Shaw was never above talking to anybody and the calls were put through directly to him. If he didn't want to talk he would advise you and I would say in the 20 years that I worked for him that only occurred a half dozen times, when Mr. Shaw would say I am not taking any calls.

Q. For a man as busy as he was, wasn't that unusual? It isn't that he wouldn't want to talk to anybody but wouldn't he be busy?

A. He was busy but from the time I started working for him before we got the Trade Mart Building even, ....

Q. How would you arrange it on the phone, was your phone hooked up on his phone?

A. All phones ....

Q. If you got a call would you just buzz him?

A. I could buzz him, yes. And when he would say 'hello' I would hang up. Occasionally I would say, Mr. Shaw so-and so is calling ....

Q. You would ask who was calling, wouldn't you?

A. Not all the time. I didn't answer the phone, the receptionist did.

Q. Wouldn't you say if you answered the phone, and asked

who was calling that after over a period of 19 years  
you could say  
that you worked for the man,/who were his personal  
friends? My secretary knows my personal friends.  
I am sure you must have known a lot of his.

A. Mr. Shaw is a very reticent man.

Q. He is non-communicative about his friends?

A. Yes. And I asked him no questions and he asked me  
no questions.

Q. Well you remembered many of the ladies he was friendly  
with, but you can't remember any men.

A. I named a few.

Q. Mr. Martin from Shreveport?

A. If he was from Shreveport. I don't know whether they  
were personal friends or not.

Q. We are speaking now about on the telephone, 19 years  
and you would not have an idea as to who his personal  
friends were? That's hard to believe, Miss Moore.

Q. How many calls would he receive in a day?

A. I don't know. Sometimes somewhere from 15 to 20,  
other times it was lighter, other times maybe one or  
two a day.

Q. What percentage of the phone calls would you answer?

- A. They rang on one phone, sir, and then if a second phone rang, if the other secretaries were there they would answer, and if all 3 phones rang at one time and if I were not too busy I might pick it up. We had no switchboard.
- Q. You didn't ask who was calling?
- A. Not all the time, I might recognize the voices sometimes.
- Q. Miss Moore, has it been discussed with you to appear as a witness in Mr. Shaw's case?
- A. It has not been discussed with me, nor have I been approached.
- Q. As of now then you have no plans to appear as a witness
- A. Well, for the moment.....
- Q. That's what we are talking about, as of now?
- A. (Inaudible)
- Q. Miss Moore, do you balance Mr. Shaw's monthly bank statements?
- A. No sir.

MR. BURNES:

Miss Moore, Guy Earl Daniels, or Charles Daniels, whichever his name is, I asked you about him a while ago, is a young colored man, he was arrested twice in New Orleans on homosexual charges. He, at one time, worked for Mr. Shaw - he is also the subject who was arrested in Mr. Shaw's automobile at which time the automobile

was claimed to have been sold to Mr. Daniels, and the police released the man on that assurance, now on the two times he was not released and brought to trial do you know whether or not Mr. Shaw did either of these things: arrange for the bail for Charles or Guy Earl Daniels, whichever his name is, or whether he paid the services of the attorney.

A. I don't know that.

Q. Do you know of any cases where Mr. Shaw did arrange for the bail or pay for the attorney for anyone facing a similar charge, a homosexual charge, crime against or exposure of person - nature/ do you know of any case where he helped someone on such a charge?

A. No.

Q. Do you know of any occasion of him discussing anyone having such a charge? Either friend or acquaintance?

A. No.

Q. Was all of his legal business, to your knowledge, handled by Mr. Wegman?

A. As far as I know.  
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Q. One of his/transactions involved an attorney by the name of de la Houssaye. Do you know whether he was represented in other matters by this attorney de la Houssaye?

- A. No, I don't know. He handled many pieces of property .....
- Q. Yes, I know, I have checked them. Now you stated a while ago that when you were being questioned by the police about the car being recovered, that if he were out of the State or out of the country that you would help locate him by calling some of his friends or places where he might be, now I want you to tell us not the places you called because you probably don't remember, but the places you would have called? Had he been in the State or in the country?
- A. Well, he may have been conferring with our President, he may have been down looking over some of the property he was restoring - I would have tried to locate him.
- Q. So he may have been with the President..... ?
- A. He may have been with a real estate firm.
- Q. Would he sometimes be with friends?
- A. Not to my knowledge, if he were going down to look after property.
- Q. When you stated that you would call places he might have been you would never have known where to call him unless he happened to be on business, is that correct?
- A. Else I may call his home in case he stopped by his home.
- Q. What I am getting at, while ago you said you called

places he might have been.

A. Yes, I said I would call several places if the police were looking for him, trying to locate where he was.

Q. But none of them would be friends, is that right?

A. Yes, that is right.

Q. Do you know of any other business transaction Gordon Novel had with Clay Shaw other than the possible concession of the Trade Mart?

A. No.

Q. Any kind of export business?

A. No.

Q. Do you know of any kind of business Clay Shaw could have had - the export of arms, for instance, or ammunition?

A. No.

Q. Do you know of no reason why Gordon Novel would have knowledge of any relationship between the two on the export of arms, is that correct?

A. Yes.

JUROR:

Did Mr. Shaw indicate any interest in the Cuban situation to you?

A. There was some organization that came in to the Trade Mart

for a short while, but they left and went to some

other building. He used to get calls.

MR. BURNES:

Q. What was the name of the organization?

A. Cuba - Freedom - I don't remember.

Q. Freedom Democratic Party?

A. Something like that.

Q. Do you recall the year?

A. I guess around '62 or '61.

Q. Before the Bay of Pigs Invasion?

A. Before all of the Cuban refugees coming over.

Q. Who was the man who arranged for the space of the organization?

A. I don't know.

Q. Would that be reflected in your files?

A. It may be, but I don't know, it would take time to look it up because if they had no lease there would be no occasion to have a file.

Q. Mr. Shaw was in a position to grant them space without a lease?

A. Yes, they may have paid cash, used the space for a few days. They had exhibits there .....

Q. Where was their office in the Trade Mart?



A. I think it was the 5th floor, but I don't remember.

Q. The persons who came to make the arrangements, were they Cubans or Americans, do you recall?

A. I don't recall that I even saw them, I only know they were there.

Q. Do you know a person by the name of Joseph Moore?

A. No.

Q. How about Lee Odom?

A. Lee Odom Moore?

Q. No, Lee Odom. You never heard his name?

A. No.

Q. You know James Llewallyn, is that correct?

A. I said from his picture I recognized him, I seem to have gotten him confused - the hair line -

Q. Do you know whether or not Mr. Shaw attended any sponsored meetings/by the Cuban organization?

A. No.

Q. Did he speak before them that you know of?

A. No.

Q. How long were they in the Trade Mart?

A. I think only - probably several weeks. After that for we got phone calls ~~from~~ them.

Q. Did you receive phone calls for them? Who did they

ask for?

- A. They asked for the office, wanted to know how they could get contributions.

JUROR:

You say these people could have paid cash for space? What happened to the cash, was it marked down as a cash sale?

- A. Probably marked as cash to the unit they were in. On the other hand, they may have been given some space just temporarily, without paying.

Q. Was Mr. Shaw in the habit of doing this?

- A. No, not in the habit.

Q. This is an unusual situation?

- A. He may have been through some powers that be, I don't know.

Q. Who are the powers that be?

- A. Well, I mean he could be instructed maybe by our officers or directors, I don't know, he may have gotten permission.

Q. Miss Moore, you appear here with an attorney, whose suggestion was that?

- A. I wanted to appear, it was my own idea, and I consulted with our President and he said all right and that as I am on the Trade Mart staff, or was, that he thought if I

wanted legal counsel I should have it. To some extent I am still on the staff.

MR. ALCOCK:

Miss Moore, who else besides yourself, would know about this Cuban organization who had this office there?

A. Mr. Don Hauer (phonetically) may have, he was Mr. Shaw's assistant. He handled the books.

Q. So if payments were made for the use of space Mr. Don Hauer would know on whose behalf the payments were made?

A. That's right.

Q. While back I asked you if Mr. Shaw had any interest in the Cuban situation and you answered that there was a Cuban organization in the building, my question is: did he ever express to you any feeling, one way or the other, about the Cuban situation?

A. I don't recall, I guess at some time or another we would sit down and talk about the war situation or the political situation . . . . .

Q. Are you telling me now that you do not recall the Cuban situation ever being discussed of the content of the discussion if it were discussed?

A. That's right.

Q. Was this an anti- or pro- Cuban organization?

A. Well, I would glean that it was anti if they were collecting funds for the refugees.

Q. That is the only basis for your statement, you have no other way of knowing whether they were anti-Castro?

A. No.

Q. Do you know a man by the name of Seymour?

A. I don't recall.

Q. A man by the name of Hall, or a man by the name of Howard?

A. Hall Howard?

Q. No, a man by the last name of Hall, and a man by the last name of Howard?

A. I don't recall.

Q. To your knowledge, has Mr. Shaw ever been to Cuba?

A. To my knowledge Mr. Shaw went to Cuba in 1946 when Delta SS Lines made a maiden voyage and he was a guest on the maiden voyage.

Q. That would have been the only time to your knowledge?

A. That is right. Unless there was a mission by International House.

Q. BY JUROR:

Miss Moore, through your 19 years with Mr. Shaw as secretary, did he impress you as being a ladies' man?

A. To my mind Mr. Shaw was a perfect gentleman?

Q. In your opinion, did he seem to fancy a lady? Would a

A. lady make over him?

A. I think most ladies liked Mr. Shaw, he was charming.

Q. Did he impress you as having a lady every second or third night?

A. No.

Q. Did he impress you as having a stag party?

A. He liked cultured things, the symphony, the opera ....

Q. To your knowledge did he ever have occasion to express a party the night before, about different gentlemen?

A. Never.

Q. Miss Moore, we asked you the name 'Howard' and you said Paul Howard ....

A. No, I asked if a man was named Paul Howard.

Q. Do you know a Paul Howard?

A. No sir, I don't.

Q. How would you know which guests were at Mr. Shaw's house? Why would you know who would be the guests at his house?

- Q. On 3 occasions you said people stayed at his home.  
How would you know that?
- A. Because they would call.
- Q. You took all of his messages?
- A. No. On occasion.
- Q. I thought you said earlier you did not take the messages?
- A. Sometimes I would take them.
- Q. If Mr. Shaw was out <sup>and</sup> a message came to him, would it be handled by you?
- A. It would be placed on his desk.
- Q. Would the receptionist know where he was?
- A. Only if he were leaving the office and say 'I am going here' or going there. Or he would tell me sometimes and I would pass it on to the girls.
- Q. She wouldn't normally know where he was, you would know rather than she?
- A. I would say we knew it equally. We were there in the front office and as he was walking out he would say 'I am going here or there, I have an appointment'.
- Q. But you kept his appointments?
- A. I kept them insofar as he would tell me, I am not here or he would receive invitations.

Q. In a matter of urgency then she would inquire of you as to where Mr. Shaw was?

A. If she did not know, or if she said I have an urgent call do you think I should disturb him?

Q. Did you have occasion to observe an unusual individual who had to wait for Mr. Shaw and might have caused comment among you and Mrs. Hug and Miss Mercodal?

A. The only one who brought any comment worked at Western Union, he was a victim of WWII and he became an alcoholic, he was Mr. Shaw's boss when he was at Western Union and he would come in from time to time and he was inebriated every time he would come in and Mr. Shaw would come out and say a few words and then escort him up the steps.

Q. Would he boldly walk into Mr. Shaw's office?

A. He tried it once or twice but we said 'wait one moment' and Mr. Shaw would be coming out, if his door was open we would close the door.

Q. How old a man was that?

A. He was in World War II so I assume he would be around Mr. Shaw's age.

Q. The fact that he was inebriated would cause you to .....

A. Well, he was kind of boisterous, sometimes he was -

Q. Did he have a crew cut?

A. No.

Q. Who was the man you remembered with dark glasses?

A. I don't recall.

Q. You recall seeing him in the office?

A. Yes. I remember seeing him in the building

Q. Did he ever walk into the office and go into Mr. Shaw's office unannounced?

A. He used to ask, usually.

Q. Did he have occasion to wait for Mr. Shaw at any time in the outer office?

A. He may have, on one or two occasions.

Q. Was he a nervous individual?

A. I did not particularly notice that trait about him.

Q. What color of hair did he have?

A. Steel grayish-black

Q. You don't remember the man's name?

A. No, I don't.

Q. Did Mr. Shaw have occasion to discuss him with you at any time?

A. No.

Q. Did you ever talk to him on the phone?

A. He may have called him, but did not give his name.

Q. What was his business?

A. I said I thought this man was in insurance business.



Q. He always wore dark glasses?

A. Yes.

Q. Did he have any unusual facial characteristics?

A. No.

Q. This colored fellow who worked for Mr. Shaw, named Burkendal, what did he do?

A. He was a contractor, and carpenter.

Q. Did he do quite a bit of work for Mr. Shaw?

A. Yes, for his rented property.

Q. Did he ever do any work at his home where he lived?

A. I would imagine so.

Q. This fellow with dark glasses, did he smoke? Do you remember?

A. I don't recall his smoking.

Q. Have you seen this man recently?

A. I have not seen him since I moved to the new Trade Mart Building. Mr. Shaw has not been with the Trade Mart since 1965, but I have seen him on the street.

Q. You assume he would be a friend of Mr. Shaw's rather than being in the Trade Mart on business?

A. No, I think that he was downtown on business. I saw him in the business district.

Q. When you saw him did he have his attache case and dark glasses?

A. Yes.

Q. Since Mr. Shaw left has this man been back in the Trade Mart Building?

A. Mr Shaw is no longer in or with the Trade Mart.

Q. But has this man been back?

A. I haven't seen him.

Q. Then he evidently came to see Mr. Shaw personally and not as a business man.

A. Well, let me put it this way: I am very friendly with a number of the tenants in the old building and since I moved in the new building I have not seen a one of them.

Q. This man wasn't a tenant there, was he?

A. No, but he has been in the Trade Mart and I have seen him, so I assume he was a salesman or something.

Q. How frequently did you see this man? How many times a month?

A. A couple of times a month.

Q. Visiting Mr. Shaw?

A. No, not necessarily. I may have seen him twice, maybe a lull ....

Q. He did not make regular visits, like every Monday or Thursdays ...?

A. No.

MR. ALCOCK:

Miss Moore, do you know whether or not Mr. Shaw ever used the Napoleon Ave. Branch of the Public Library?

A. No.

Q. Did he ever use the main Branch?

A. No, I don't know.

Q. You say you work part-time for the Trade Mart now?

A. Well, I am subject to call. I am with the \_\_\_\_\_ Club, but subject to call. Our President's secretary has left.

Q. How long was Mr. Core there during Mr. Shaw's administration?

A. I guess about 10 years.

Q. Mr. Core was there about 10 years, - Director?

A. Public Relations.

Q. How many people did Mr. Shaw refer to Mr. Core? In the process of a day's business? Did they both handle public relations?

A. Well, yes to a certain extent. Mr. Core saw certain people without Mr. Shaw having to see them and sometimes Mr. Shaw might see someone and bring them in to Mr. Core or

Core might bring someone in to Meet Mr. Shaw.

Q. Did Mr. Shaw ever bring this man with the attache case in to see Mr. Core? Or refer him to Mr. Core

A. through you?

A. No, not necessarily come to me. Their offices adjoined.

Q. You would know if Mr. Core was in the office at any time?

A. No.

MR. BURNES:

Miss Moore, you recall me cautioning you earlier about the secrecy of the Grand Jury and it would apply in all respects if anyone were to say what you were asked in here.

A. I understand. Thank you.

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I hereby certify that the preceding transcript is  
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